[Continued from the Pirat Page.] the valleys and cultivated the soil had stone houses several stories high, the walls of which were ornamented with pictures. There were a great many idols in the villages, and every house had a chapel dedicated to some evil genius. Onate, on taking possession of the country, entered upon a most successful courses the most successful of any of the officials. Under him many new missions were established and mines were opened and worked. But the enslavement of the Indians by the colonists, who compelled them to labor in the mines, was the cause of the overthrow of the flourishing Spauish power. The cruelty to which the Indians were subjected was too much for them to bear. They made several ineffectual attempts to rid themselves of their oppressors, and finally in 168) drove out the Spaniards and recovered the country as far south as El Paso del Norte. After several attempts the Spaniards regained possession of the country in 1698, which they then held for nearly two centuries. General Kearney, in 1846, took Santa Fe with a United States force, and soon after conquered the whole territory from Mexico. It was then ceded to the United States and has since been several times altered in boundary as before stated.

The present population is of a mixed character, composed of domesticated nomad Indians. Mexicans, Spanish, and Americans. The Spanish is the invariable language. It is both spoken and written. The proceedings of the Territorial Government in both the Senate and House are carried on in this tongue, but they are printed in both Spanish and English. The capital is Santa Fe. The government officers are a Governor, Secretary, Purveyor of Public Funds and Superintendent of Indian Affairs, with salaries ranging from \$3000 to \$2000 per annum. These are all appointed by the President. The legislative power is vested in a Governor and Assembly, consisting of a Council and House of Representatives. The Council has 13 members, chosen by the people for two years, and the House 26 members elected annually. According to the census reports of 1860 the Territory had one college, seventeen public schools, and two academics, with a total attendance of 515. In 1866. out of a population of 93,516, there were 57,233 persons who could not read or write, and there were no free schools in the whole Territory excepting those taught by the Sisters of Charity of the Roman Catholic Church.

The greater portion of New Mexico is mountainous, and some of the largest mountain ranges in North America run through the Territory, among which are the Rocky Mountains and other smaller ranges. The elevation of Santa Fe, the capital town, is 7000 feet, while the mountains near, whose peaks are covered with snow, rise to the height of 12,000 feet above the level of the sea. The climate is variable. Near Santa Fe and in the mountainous district the winters are severe. In the southern portions the temperature is mild, being seldom below the freezing point. In this district the summers are very hot, the temperature ranging from 90 to 100 degrees. But the whole Territory is considered very healthy. The sky is generally clear, and the atmosphere dry. The rainy season in the southern part is in the months of July and August. Diseases are few, and pulmonary complaints are hardly known. Rheumatism is more prevalent on account of the habit of sleeping on the ground.

The agricultural parts of the Territory are the bottom lands near the rivers and small water courses. The Rio Grande is the principal river, which rises in the northern part and flows southerly nearly the whole length of the conntry. The valley of this river is the principal bottom land. It varies from one to fifteen miles in width. It has a light soil, and by artificial irrigation the same land can be made to yield two crops in the year. As there is but little rain this artificial irrigation is necessary. It is accomplished by damming the stream and leading the water over the valleys by canals and ditches. There is a canal for this purpose near El Paso which is twenty miles in length. Agriculture is carried on in a primitive way, with a hoe and wooden plow make from a forked tree, such as is used in Syria and Persia. By this means the surface of the soil only is disturbed, but this seems sufficient for the purpose. There are no fences, though some fields are protected by the ditches, along the edges of which bushes grow, thereby making a hedge. According to the census of 1850 there were then in New Mexico, not including Arizona, 3750 farms, with 166,201 acres of improved lands. The cash value of the farms then, including implements and machinery, was \$1.731,912, which figure is now very much larger. Stock raising is the most profitable source of income, it being better adapted to the country than the cultivation of the soil. Immense flocks of sheep are raised. as well as a great number of mules. Portions of the high plains, valleys, and lesser hills are covered with grass sufficient for the pasturage of millions of animals, and it is not necessary to protect them in the winter. Horses, mules, cattle, and sheep can graze through the whole winter season. The only impediment to the raising of stock is the incursions of Indians, but these are daily becoming less frequent, and in some parts they are now unknown. In the hilly region there is much land well timbered with pine, oak, and cedar.

branch of industry is much neglected. Gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc exist in abundance. The gold mines have been worked for a long time, but have not yielded very heavily on account of bad management. A gold mining company has a quartz crushing mill at the town of Pinos Alto . The quartz worked is taken from the Pacific lode, and yields from \$80 to \$150 of gold per ton. The cost of mining and delivering the ore at the mill is estimated at \$8:50 per ton, and of reducing it and separating the gol !, \$3. Between 1833 to 1835, when the mining operations were most flourishing, from \$60,000 to \$80,000 were taken from the gold mines. From the time of their discovery until 1844 they yielded about \$500,000, In some places the gold can be obtained by washing. Near the Placer Mountains the whole soil seems to be impregnated with the precious metal, and it is believed by competent judges that this district would be one of the richest gold bearing countries in the world. if science and capital were employed in its development. Numerous veins of silver have been discovered in different parts. The greater part of the gold bearing quartz yields also more or less silver, which promises ultimately to be the leading mining interest is this section of the Rocky Mountains. Copper is also an accompaniment of the precions metals, and lodes and deposits are reported to have been discovered. Several copper and silver mines were worked in Spanish times, which are now abandoned. Veins of bituminous coal have been found eropping out in various p'aces. Anthracite coal of a superior quality is found about twenty miles south of Santa Fe. Lead and iron are common

The mineral rescurces are great, but this

minerals. The lead has a sufficient percentage of silver to pay for its separation. As there is yet but little domestic demand for the lead itself, and as the cost of transportation to another market would consume it, there is none mined or smelted.

Almost the entire amount of salt used in New Mexico is obtained from salt lakes on the plain, some fifty or sixty miles east of the Rio Grande. The salt, crystallized by the evaporation of the water by the sun, is deposited upon the bottom, forming a crust several inches in thickness. It is shovelled directly into wagons and dried in the sun. In this condition it has impurities mixed with it, which give it a dark appearance, but when bleached or washed it becomes white as snow. The supply is inexhaustible. A train of about fifteen wagons, each capable of carrying 5000 pounds of salt, goes once a year from El Paso to a lake sixty miles distant, for the annual supply of salt. Chihuahua obtains its supply of the article from the salt lakes of New Mexico.

There are several mineral and warm springs, some of which possess rare medicinal qualities There are several distilleries in the Territory, which fact is always taken into account by settlers proposing to emigrate. Altogether, it is a most inviting region for that class of people, and it is not a wonder that its population has increased so greatly within the past few years as to warrant the application for admission into the Union as a State. And from present appearances we, within a short time, will have to fix another star to our ensign, and welcome another sister to the already brilliant gathering.

LADIES' LEGS.

Anna Cora Mowatt Ritchle on English and American Ladies' Legs-Theoretically and Delicately Handled.

Mrs. Anna Cora Mowatt Ritchie, in her London letter to the San Francisco Chronicle, handles the legs of some of her American and English sisters in this free manner:-

We trust our fair American sisters will not be shocked by our unhesitating use of the word "legs," which they are accustomed to designate as "limb," or "lower limb." In England and all over Europe that little sub-terfuge would be pronounced indelicate and affected; and it certainly is the latter, if not the former.

But to our story. White, symmetrical fe-minine legs are said to be disappearing from American soil. They are so much in the ascendant in England that ladies of rank have invented a new method of making known their fair proportions. We read in the March number of the Galaxy, in a work just published, two American medical men put forth the gross slander that "a handsome leg is a rarity-we had almost said an impossibilityamong American women!" We do not be lieve the ungallant libel, though American ladies certainly are not in the habit of publishing their charms by having casts taken of their shapely legs, as an ornament for drawing-room tables, or to be sold for the benefit of the vender of casts, or to be circulated among friends as a delicate token of friendship and valuable work of art. What we are about to relate appears, at the first blush, so incredible that we hold ourself responsible for its exact truth.

Upon the drawing-room table of a lady of rank in London—a lady of high position and irrepreachable character—may be seen, beneath a glass case, a lovely dimpled foot, de-licate ankle; rounded calf, up to the kneejoint; it is the cast of the leg of Lady the hostess. In Soho Square there is a small shop, in which you can purchase for five shillings a cast of one of the most exquisite of legs; the original-in the flesh-belongs to - de G and R , who went this little shop incog., and had her perfect leg moulded, and afterwards generously gave the shopman the privilege of selling copies of the cast, which he does daily, for it was quickly discovered to whom the beauteous

leg belonged.

One lady, the wife of a mayor of a town in the provinces came to London and had two casts taken of her leg; one nude, and one with the neat little shoe, stocking, and garter. Strange to say (though no artist will call it strange), the leg with the stocking and garter produced an effect much further removed from modesty than the leg quite unclad. Brucciani, the east vender in Covent Garden, drives a brisk business in casting ladies' legs, and has any quantity of models of all descrip-tions, taken from life and chiefly from noble life, for sale. How this leg mania originated we have never heard, but there is certes explanation for this sudden passion among the aritocratic fair to have their legs recognized; perhaps it is only because "a thing of beauty is a joy for ever."

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